PUBLIC NOTICE DEFENSE NATIONAL STOCKPILE CENTER

Announces Availability of the Draft Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement

The Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) announces the availability of the *Draft Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS). The Draft EIS analyzes three alternatives for managing DNSC's excess mercury: 1) no-action, i.e., leave the mercury at current storage locations, 2) consolidated storage of the mercury at one site, and 3) sale of the stockpile. DNSC's preferred alternative is consolidated storage.

The Draft EIS is available for review at the following location:

Warren-Trumbull County Public Library

444 Mahoning Ave., NW Warren, Ohio

The Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) will hold a public meeting on the Draft EIS in Niles, Ohio on May 22, 2003. DNSC invites Federal agencies, state, local and tribal governments, and the general public to comment on the environmental and socioeconomic issues, as well as the mercury management alternatives considered in the Draft EIS during the 90-day comment period that ends July 18, 2003.

To submit comments, or to obtain a paper copy or computer disk (CD) of the Executive Summary or the Draft EIS (about 450 pages), please contact:

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